

human rights, Dr. Carr's prolific work benefited communities all over the world, including in Jamaica and the Caribbean. In his most recent role as Director of Policy and Advocacy at the International Coalition of AIDS Services Organizations (ICASO) in Toronto, Canada, Dr. Carr was a dynamic and effective leader. The global AIDS movement is devastated by the untimely loss of one of their most beloved colleagues. With his passing, we look to Dr. Carr's continued legacy and the outstanding quality of his life's work.

Dr. Carr became active in the field of HIV/AIDS over a decade ago, when he began to research stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV in Jamaica. In 2002, he became Executive Director of Jamaica AIDS Support for Life, a national NGO serving Jamaican society's most disenfranchised populations, including prisoners, the hearing impaired, people who use drugs, sex workers, transgender people, and gay and other men who have sex with men. In response to a lack of access to HIV and health services in Jamaica, he co-founded and was first Executive Director of the Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition (CVC), one of the first Caribbean organizations to focus on issues related to the rights and needs of sexual minorities.

As a result of his intellect, passion and talent for collaboration, Dr. Carr began a fast ascent to leadership positions within the AIDS movement and his work quickly took on a global scope. The author of several books, Dr. Carr wrote extensively on human rights and HIV, as well as on the social context that drives stigma and discrimination. From 2006 to 2008, he taught at the University of the West Indies, serving as the Coordinator of the Graduate Programmes Unit at the Caribbean Institute of Media and Communication. In recent years, Dr. Carr served on the NGO delegation to the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) and joined with other global advocates to found the Global Forum on MSM & HIV (MSMGF). He acted as a panelist for numerous Congressional Briefings in Washington D.C., worked with the LGBT Caucus and assisted with high-level meetings at the U.N., as well as countless other global policy arenas.

In these myriad roles, Dr. Carr was universally recognized for his unrelenting principles, his powerful mentorship, his unfailing efforts to build bridges across the broad HIV movement, and his larger-than-life presence. He insisted, unequivocally, that no marginalized community be left behind in the fight for social justice and the end of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. As a social worker and an academic, an attentive listener and an articulate public speaker, Dr. Carr's charming sense of humor, warmth and integrity were at the core of his dedication to activism.

Today, California's Ninth Congressional District salutes and honors Dr. Robert Carr. Our global community is indebted to his life's contribution in countless ways. Dr. Carr will always be remembered as a pioneer in advancing the health and human rights of marginalized groups, while going the extra mile to help them form an empowered, unified front. We extend our deepest condolences to Dr. Carr's family and his extended group of loved ones and colleagues. He will be deeply missed.

GEORGE WHITTEN TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize George Whitten for his service to the United States of America. He is one of the many men and women who put themselves in harm's way to protect our country and its values.

Mr. Whitten, now a rancher in Saguache, Colorado, enlisted during World War II. He was an exemplary soldier and his efforts contributed to the United States' success in the Pacific Theater. Towards the end of the war, he was one of the soldiers who saw the American flag raised at Iwo Jima. The victories, and struggles, he saw are humbling to contemplate. We owe a debt of gratitude to the servicemen of his generation, and to all who have bravely served our country.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to stand and pay tribute to George Whitten. His dedication to our country is immense, and for that I am grateful.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHILDREN'S FREE WARD ASSOCIATION

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Children's Free Ward Association for 100 years of caring for the needs of poor, sick children in the Saginaw Michigan area. The Association will celebrate this milestone at St. Mary's of Michigan Hospital on June 2 in Saginaw.

The Children's Free Ward Association was started in 1911 by a group of women dedicated to assisting the poor in the Saginaw community. It grew out of the women's sewing circle, hospital volunteers that devoted hours to sewing and repairing patient garments and linens. In the beginning the Association rented one bed from St. Mary's Hospital for \$12 a week. The physicians and surgeons donated their services to care for the children and the Association was soon able to increase their commitment to more beds and cribs. Upon discharge from the hospital every sponsored child was given a new outfit made by the volunteers. Over the years they have advocated and worked to improve pediatric healthcare in the Saginaw area. They purchased the first incubator and oxygen therapy unit in Saginaw for premature babies. The members of the Association also volunteered their time to entertain and comfort the children.

In the last year the Association has supported new medical equipment benefitting 17,000 children in the Saginaw Valley region including: pediatric crash carts, pediatric attachments for glidescopes, medical trays for emergency care, educational and entertainment items for the patients' use. They funded a grief camp for children, Asthma Camp, and the GreenHouse Center for HOPE expansion project.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the work of the

Children's Free Ward Association. Through their efforts countless children have been given the gifts of health and life. Conceived with the idea of helping the smallest and poorest in our midst receive quality healthcare, the Children's Free Ward Association has proven over the last century that with charity, determination and a willingness to work, we can accomplish great things. I commend the volunteers, healthcare providers and supporters for their vision, commitment and enthusiasm to provide hope and health to the children and families of Saginaw and I wish them continued success through the next 100 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for the vote on May 26, 2011, to temporarily reauthorize expiring provisions of the Patriot Act. Had I been present I would have voted against S. 990, the legislative vehicle for the PATRIOT Act, because I believe that law fails to provide for the adequate protection of our freedoms and liberties.

CODIFICATION OF LAWS RELATING TO NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM AS TITLE 54, UNITED STATES CODE, NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Ranking Member JOHN CONYERS and I have introduced a bill to enact title 54, United States Code, "National Park System". The bill restates provisions relating to the National Park System as part of a new positive law title of the United States Code. The new positive law provisions replace the existing provisions, which are repealed by the bill.

The bill was prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives as part of its ongoing responsibility under 2 U.S.C. §285b to prepare, and submit to the Committee on the Judiciary one title at a time, a complete compilation, restatement, and revision of the general and permanent laws of the United States.

All changes in existing law made by the bill are purely technical in nature. The bill was prepared in accordance with the statutory standard for codification legislation. The restatement of existing law conforms to the understood policy, intent, and purpose of Congress in the original enactments. Amendments and corrections, as necessary, will remove ambiguities, contradictions, and other imperfections.

The bill is not intended to make any substantive changes in the law. As is typical with the codification process, a number of non-substantive revisions are made, including the reorganization of sections into a more coherent overall structure, but these changes are not intended to have any substantive effect.

The bill, along with a detailed section-by-section explanation of the bill, can be found on the Law Revision Counsel internet site at <http://uscode.house.gov/cod/t54>. Interested parties are invited to submit comments, no later than August 31, 2011, to Ken Paretzky, Senior Counsel, or Tim Trushel, Senior Counsel, Office of the Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives, H2-308 Ford House Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, (202) 226-9061. Mr. Paretzky's telephone number is (202) 226-9061 and his email address is Ken.Paretzky@mail.house.gov. Mr. Trushel's telephone number is (202) 226-9058 and his email address is Tim.Trushel@mail.house.gov.

INTRODUCTION OF THE EVACUEES TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2011

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Evacuees Tax Relief Act of 2011, legislation providing tax relief to those forced to abandon their homes because of a natural disaster. This legislation provides a tax credit or a tax deduction, depending on the wishes of the taxpayer, of up to \$5,000 for costs incurred because of a government-ordered mandatory or voluntary evacuation. Evacuees could use the credit to cover travel and lodging expenses associated with the evacuation, lost wages, property damages not otherwise compensated, and any other evacuation-related expenses. The tax credit is refundable up to the amount of income and payroll taxes a person would otherwise pay, thus ensuring working people who pay more in payroll than in income taxes are able to benefit from this tax relief. The credit is available retroactive to December of 2010, so it is available to those who were evacuated because of this spring's wildfires, tornadoes, and floods.

Having lived in the Gulf Coast of Texas for almost 50 years, I have firsthand experience with the burdens faced by those forced to uproot themselves and their families because of a natural disaster. Evacuees incur great costs in getting to safety, as well as loss from the storm damage. It can take many months, and even years, to fully recover from the devastation of a natural disaster. Given the unpredictable nature of natural disasters such as hurricanes and tornados, it is difficult for most families to adequately budget for these costs. The Evacuees Tax Relief Act helps Americans manage the fiscal costs of a natural disaster.

Mr. Speaker, with the 2011 hurricane season now upon us, it is hard to think of a more timely and more compassionate tax relief proposal than one aimed at helping families cope with the costs associated with being uprooted from their homes, jobs, and communities by a natural disaster. I hope all my colleagues will show compassion for those forced to flee their homes by cosponsoring the Evacuees Tax Relief Act.

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, this May, I am honored to join my friends in the Jewish community in celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month, and to recognize the many contributions Jewish Americans have made to our country.

Jewish immigrants came to our country inspired by the promise of cultural and religious tolerance and socioeconomic mobility. For more than 350 years, Jewish Americans have enriched American society by placing a strong value on education, community and culture.

They have also contributed to the economic vitality of our Nation, particularly California's 15th Congressional District, through their innovations in technology. Thanks to their entrepreneurial spirit, Jewish Americans have become the leaders in renewable energy development and high technology in my district. Without question, Silicon Valley would not be the hub of innovation it is today without the contributions of Jewish Americans.

The Jewish American community in my district serves as a shining example of what makes Silicon Valley a global leader. I am privileged to represent a community of Jewish Americans whose contributions in the fields of technology, business, and education, among many others, have served as a testament to America's promise as a land of opportunity.

URGING CITIZENS TO ENSURE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, the 2011 hurricane season begins today.

As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, I regularly meet with emergency managers to ensure they are ready to respond to a hurricane or other disaster.

Citizens must do their part as well. Make sure you have an emergency kit and develop an emergency plan. Be aware of evacuation routes in your area. Resources are available at bilirakis.house.gov to help you with these efforts.

Disasters can strike at any time, often with little warning. Our hearts and support go out to the victims of disasters our Nation has faced as they work to recover.

Mr. Speaker, we must work to create a culture of preparedness. Taking these small steps now can make a huge difference when disaster strikes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM HUELSKAMP

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, on May 26th, I missed rollcall vote numbered 376 be-

cause I was travelling to Kansas for a family funeral.

Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

CORNELIA HEERSINK TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cornelia Heersink for her dedication to the American Red Cross and the people of Colorado's San Luis Valley.

As an original member of the Red Cross Gray Ladies, Mrs. Heersink volunteered for 45 years at the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center. The devotion she showed to helping the people of her community is truly admirable. Her continual presence provided comfort to patients and families at the southern Colorado hospital. Patients, and members of the surrounding community, always appreciated the years of service she gave to the area's health.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and pay tribute to Cornelia Heersink today. She has given a lifetime of service to the health and rehabilitation of Colorado. I have no doubt that her impact will be felt for many years.

TRIBUTE TO RICHIE CRISAFULLI

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute today to an act of heroism.

In Glendive, Montana, just about as far east as the state stretches, a young woman is alive today, just as all the hopes and dreams for her future still are, because a firefighter by the name of Richie Crisafulli risked his life to save hers.

Richie Crisafulli is the Assistant Fire Chief for the West Glendive Fire Department, but he is more than a firefighter. He is a father, a husband, an EMT, a coach, and a community leader.

In the early morning hours of March 25th, a fire broke out in the home of a Glendive family. Smoke alarms went off and three of the four family members home at the time made it outside. But a teen girl lay sleeping in a basement bedroom.

Assistant Chief Crisafulli, who lived a few blocks away from the fire, heard the call come in, and though he had no rescue gear, responded immediately.

When Crisafulli arrived the family directed him to the room where the young woman was still inside. Richie attempted to enter the house, but the smoke from a fire in the laundry room was overwhelming without the proper equipment and he was forced to retreat.

Undeterred, and inspired by an idea from another one of Montana's finest, Dawson County Sheriff Deputy Ross Canen, who had just arrived at the scene, Crisafulli took Canen's stocking cap, filled it with snow, covered his mouth and nose with it and headed back inside. The make-shift respirator worked.